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AVE COR MARIE IMMACULATUM  
*Que Cor Immaculatum*  
Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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18127 South Alameda

Compton, California

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*Senor Don Rafael Tapia, C.M.F.*  
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Mi querido Rafael,

*Le felicito de todo*  
Felicito con todo mi corazon por el gran amor que Dios le muestra en llevarle a Santo Domingo De la Calzada, Logrono, Espana, donde Usted tendra las mejores oportuñidades para continuar brillantemente y completar su formacion cientifica y donde Usted espero firmemente en Dios, recibira la debida formacion Religiosa y Claretian que, por mis deficiencias no acerte a darsela.

Mis pobres oracions son y seran siempre suyas, mi querido Rafael, a fin de que Usted se funde muy solidamente en las virtudes de la humildad y obediencia durante su preciosa estancia en Espana y vuelva ya a Mejico hecho un verdadero Claretiano colmado de luz para las inteligencias y vida Divina para la transformacion de muchas almas.

Si, mi querido hermano, mi preocupacion mas grande delante de Dios es que todos aquellos que ha estado, estan o estaran bajo mi direccion y guia lleguen a cumplir perfectamente con la vocacion personal asignada a ellos por toda la eternidad por Dios Nuestro Senor.

Mi peticion diaria en la Santa Misa, sobre todo en la segunda elevacion al fin del Canon, es suplicar al Eterno Padre que Jesucristo sea mi SUFFICIENCIA por todo lo que me falta para que todos los mios, pasados, presentes y futuros, lleguen a conseguir la perfeccion y santidad a que estan llamados.

Tal vez mi hermano, Padre Jose Maria, residente en Calaborra, Logrono, vaya alguna vez a Santo Domingo, en cuyo caso saludedele en mi nombre.

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On Your  
Name Day

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May the saint whose name  
you bear  
Be close to you today,  
Asking all God's richest gifts  
For you, along Life's way.



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J. M. J.

Reverend and Dear Father:

May your  
Feast Day be a spiritually  
happy one. I know our  
Blessed Mother will ob-  
tain new favors for you  
who love her so dearly.  
You are ever constant-  
ly remembered in my  
poor prayers. She Who  
ordereth all things well,



knows of our mutual  
sacrifice in the fulfill-  
ment of this adorable

Will. May we never  
desire aught but His  
glory and the salvation  
of countless souls. Pray  
for me as I do for  
you: "Father, glorify Thy  
child, that Thy child  
may glorify Thee!"

Yours ever grateful,  
L. M. Medeiros





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J. M. J. Fr.  
June 18, 1946

Rev and dear Father Aloysius,

Happy Nameday - Happy Birthday

"If every one knew, How swell you are,  
They'd all send wishes, From near & far,  
And millions of people, All over our land  
Would join me in hoping, Your birthday is grand."

I am sorry that you will receive this note a little late, but the reason isn't that I forgot it. My good Superior is in retreat until Friday noon and will send this when she returns. I hope you have a very happy Nameday. Certainly you will be well remembered by my Sisters and me in prayer. Sr Louise Marie also has nameday on June 21 - She will not receive my letter until Monday either. I think you are highly privileged to be born on St Aloysius' feast day. He is very high in heaven according to St Magdalen of Pazzi who saw him in visions. No doubt you will be sitting at his footstool also. No greater



joy could I wish you -

When I saw you in December you mentioned that I had lost weight. I didn't think so at the time - but when I came home I checked up and found that I actually was 15 lbs lighter than when I saw you  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years previous. You are very observing.

Father Mc Henry's precious sister died at our hospital today. Her sufferings this past year were terrific but she was the essence of patience and resignation. She had cancer of the jaw bone so you can imagine what her sufferings were like. I could not see her last breath hardly. She went to ~~her death~~ sleep like a baby - no struggle, no nothing just ceased breathing. This great grace was merited by her holy life I know & by all the masses and prayers of her holy brother. If she had to stop in Purgatory - which I doubt - she will at least be freed on Saturday - by our Lady of Mount Carmel as she had her 5 scapulars on - also her rosary and S. H. Badge blessed by Our Lord (from Father Mc Namara)

I hope this finds you real well these days. If I understood Spanish I would have gone to St Eliz. Church last Good Friday for the 3 hours. I see Father Sheehan had the Annual S. Black Enthronement service last Sunday. I heard him preach in Santa Barbara in 1937 at the Centennial of Bishop Diego Morena at the old Mission. He stood outside in the hot sun for 40 min. and gave a marvelous resume' of the Franciscans of early years in Calif. during Bishop's Morena's life. I haven't seen Mrs Nieman for 5 months. Hope she isn't sick. Again wishing you a happy Wednesday and thanking you for your loving prayers for us I remain gratefully Sr M. Fina O.S.F.



SAINT PATRICK ACADEMY  
MOMENCE, ILLINOIS

she was removed from the Hospital in Kankakee to the hospital in Chicago nothing was said to anybody and there was such an air of secrecy about it that some of the Sisters thought she had left the Community. This was too much for me so I wrote to Rev. Mother & then she told us where Sister was. Pray for Sister Father, pray for her very much and pray for me too that God will give me more Faith to see His hand in all this. I know too, that Sister wanted to write to you and she was refused - she has no one to whom she can turn. I know though that God will take care of her and in the end He will triumph through her.

Mother, please pray for Sister Gerard too - she has gone down very much in her spiritual life. You did so much to help her when you were here but she has lost everything she gained and I believe her condition is worse than it was



before she met you. Our poor Jesus! If only He is chosen ones made an effort to be more faithful to Him.

Personally I think Sister needs a change but I don't know what Rev. Mother will do. I have spoken to her about Sister's condition - it worries me so.

We have a lovely new statue of St Michael in the entrance of our chapel. I pray to him every day and ask him to take care of all our needs.

Mother M. Deloris will stay in Mornence this summer. She is very tired.

Will you please use the enclosed for Masses Father - one for the three Jubilarians, one for Sister M. Mediatrix & one for the spiritual needs of the Sisters in Mornence. Please say these Masses yourself if at all possible.

I must close now - the dear Lord calls me to the chapel.

I know you do not forget me in your prayers and you may count on me remembering you in mine.

Always gratefully yours in  
Mary's Holy Heart,  
Sister St Eugene



J. M. J.

St St Eug

SAINT PATRICK ACADEMY  
MOMENCE, ILLINOIS

June 19, 1946

Dear Father:

We and I think of you every day but we will be with you doubly on the 21<sup>st</sup> begging our Eternal Father through the hands of our Immaculate Mother Mary to draw you closer and closer to His Sacred Heart.

I believe that July 16<sup>th</sup> marks the 25<sup>th</sup> year of your religious profession does it not? On that date Sister Mary Eleonore and I will celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Sister St Anthony her 50<sup>th</sup> year of profession. I will pray very much for you on that day too, and I beg of you to ask our dear Lord to supply all that I have failed to give Him in His service. When I look back over my religious life I find that much is lacking but I see too how infinite is His Mercy.



This has been a heavy year for me but I feel that I have drawn closer to my Spouse. I know His love for me is infinite but through His grace I have been able to give Him more and have realized just how much He has done for me.

Sister Mary Mediatrix is now in Mercy Hospital, Chicago. I cannot tell you much about her but I do know that she suffers much both physically and morally. Rev. Mother will not allow us to go and visit her. This has been a source of much suffering for me and it is hard for me to understand why she should treat Sister as she does. I was very bitter at first but God has made me understand that both of us must suffer our passion. I was going to write to our Vicar General about things but maybe it is better to wait until we go to France, although our trip has been postponed indefinitely. What would you suggest? I never speak about Sister to Rev. Mother but I did write to her telling her the impressions of some of the Sisters because when